



# RecycleSmart

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May 2021

FIFTY YEARS OF EARTH DAY

## 10 REASONS TO COMPOST

- 1) Improves plant growth
- 2) Reduces soil erosion
- 3) Allows soil to retain more water
- 4) Enhances soil fertility
- 5) Reduces waste landfilled & burned
- 6) Benefits soil structure
- 7) Allows soil to retain more nutrients
- 8) Stores carbon in soil to protect the climate
- 9) Builds community resilience & power
- 10) Is something everyone can do!



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Local Self-Reliance

Learn how: [ilsr.org/composting](https://ilsr.org/composting)





## Scrap Tire Collection 2021

**June 17th**

Appointments **are required and can be made by**  
**calling** the Resource Recovery Department @  
**231-995-6075.**

**Scrap Tire Collections are funded by the EGLE  
Scrap Tire Grant**



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(Household Hazardous Waste)  
**HHW Event Dates in 2021**



([Sign up](#) will be available online approximately one month before each

event.) Appointments are required

Thursday, April 15th **33,700lbs collected!**

Thursday, May 13th **Completed**

Thursday, June 17th (open for sign up)

Thursday, August 12th

Saturday, September 18th

Thursday, October 14th

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event?

[Click Here.](#)

**\*\*\*Appointments will not be accepted until approximately one month before each event.\*\*\***

#### **RESIDENTS**

- Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made by:
- Using the online scheduling system at [HHW Sign Up Page](#)
- Or, if internet access is not an option, please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

#### **Businesses, Organizations, Schools, etc.**

1. Download the [VSQG Registration and Certification form](#).
2. Download the [VSQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#)
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. (VSQGs are NOT allowed to make an online appointment).
4. Not sure if you are a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

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May 13, 2021

Contact: [Paul Rogers](#), 616-260-8406 or [Keith Murphy](#), 906-250-1382

### **Fire danger is high around the state; be careful with campfires, debris burning and other activities**

Whether you plan to get in some early-season camping, hit the trail on an ORV or clean up dead wood around your property, keep in mind that fire danger is high in many parts of Michigan this weekend.

“Even though the landscape is green, our forests and grasses are very dry,” said Paul Rogers, fire prevention specialist with the Forest Resources Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “A fire can escape and move quickly due to the dry air and dry fuels.” Fuels includes things such as



dry grass, brush and downed tree branches.

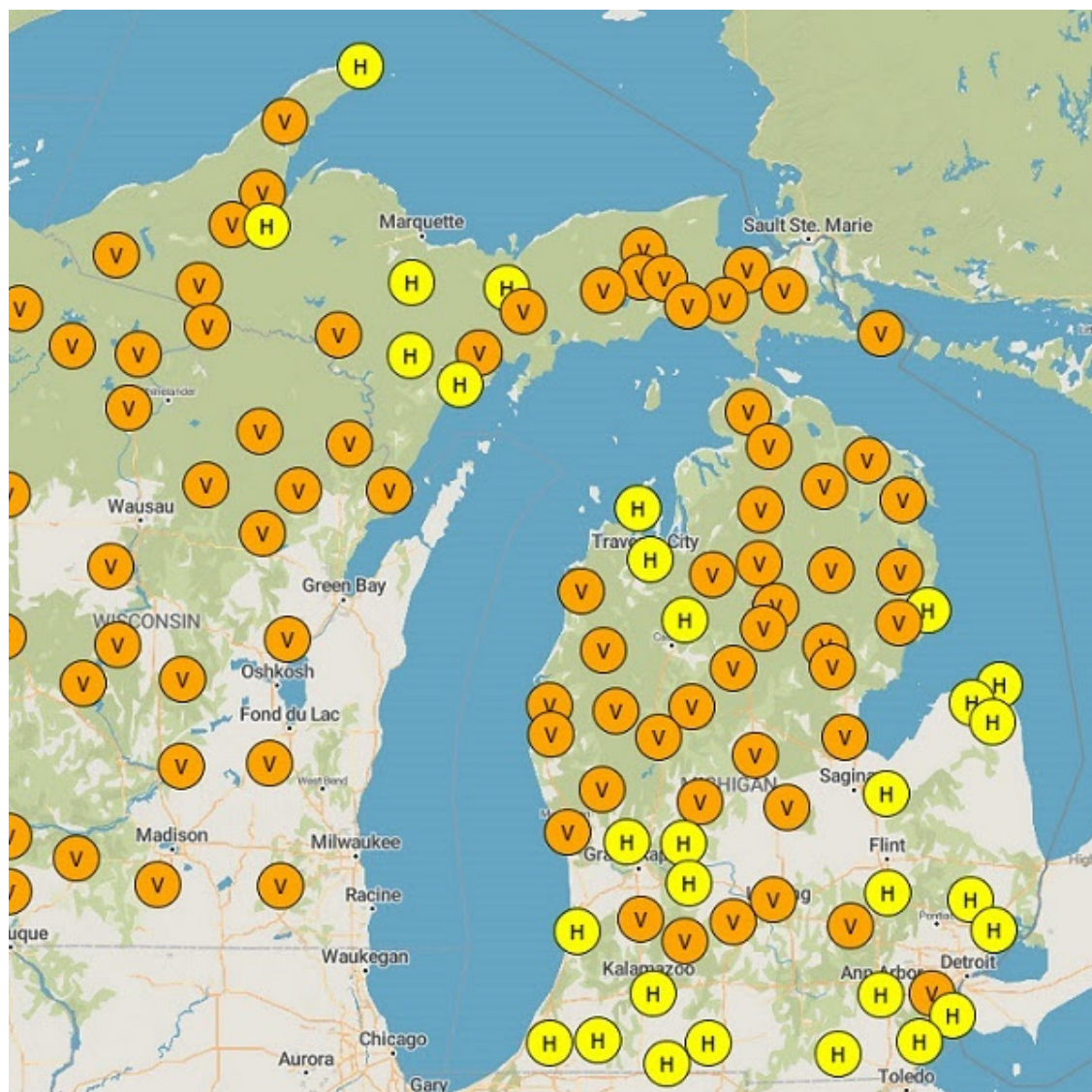
If you build a campfire or a bonfire, enjoy the dancing flames but never leave the fire unattended, even for a moment. Make sure you always have water on hand while the fire is burning. Douse your fire with water, stir the ashes and douse with water again before going to bed or leaving the site.

If you plan to burn yard debris, first check [Michigan.gov/BurnPermit](https://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) or with your local municipality to ensure burning is permitted in your area. Keep your fire at least 10 feet away from logs, stumps or other debris and make sure no branches are hanging overhead.

If you plan to use an ORV, power tools or other machinery, be careful to keep sparks from igniting leaves or grass. A hot muffler or engine also can touch off a fire.

[Check out more fire safety tips.](#)

Click on the Interactive Map below.



**Click on the picture of Jenifer Dixon to learn more about open burning.**



### The June 17th HHW Collection Event is now open for sign up.

Click on the link below to sign up online.

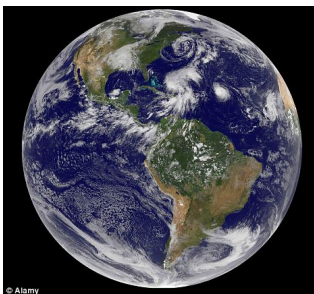
[June 17th HHW Event Sign Up](#)

### The Keystone Brush Site is open for the Season.

The Brush Site is now accepting Credit Cards as a form of payment.

Please note that the site is closed on all major holidays and for severe weather conditions.

Brush Site information and hours of operation can be found by clicking [here](#).



### Earth Celebration Cancellation

The Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery (RecycleSmart) department has come to the decision that it is in the best interest of our community's health and wellness to cancel the 2021 Earth Celebration event. We are committed to continue our planning efforts to ensure that the 2022 event will be extra special. Thank you for your understanding



# Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart



Have questions about  
where to recycle an  
item?

Click on the Take it  
Back Logo and you will  
be magically  
transported to the Take  
it Back Directory!

If you are unable to find a solution  
on the directory, please contact  
the Resource Recovery  
Department and we'll be sure to  
help you out!



## Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City](#) or the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr.](#)





[in Traverse City](#) during their normal hours of operation. The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC. Please contact the Resource Recovery Department if you have any questions.

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## Recycle right or lose it

Illegal dumping at the Recycling Sites in Grand Traverse County will no longer be tolerated. Violators will be prosecuted.

Please spread the word. Items must never be left on the ground. If the sites continue to be misused, not only will the abusers be held accountable but we run the risk of losing these great assets to our community. To learn more about what can and can't be recycled, please visit the link below.



### [GUIDELINES AND EXCLUDED MATERIALS](#)

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**Looking for the latest episodes of the very popular 9&10 News TV series**

# **"Talking Trash"? Look no further. Click on the picture above and you will be whisked away to the glorious land of responsible recycling!**

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## **Drop Off Battery Recycling**

**Some sites may be closed or have altered hours at this time.  
Thank you for understanding**

**BE SURE TO TAPE ALL YOUR BATTERY TERMINALS  
(CLEAR MASKING TAPE PLEASE)**

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations.  
Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring  
batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

### **Building / Location Address**

**Acme Township Hall**  
[6042 Acme Road](#)  
[Williamsburg, MI 49690](#)

**Blair Township Hall**  
[2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637](#)

**City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building**  
[400 Boardman Avenue](#)  
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

**Civic Center**  
[1213 W Civic Center Drive](#)  
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

**Fife Lake True Value**  
[119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633](#)

**Grand Traverse County Public Service Building**  
[2650 LaFranier Road](#)  
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

**Metro Emergency Services Building**  
[897 Parson Road](#)  
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

**Traverse City Fire Department**  
[500 W Front Street](#)  
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

**Whitewater Township Hall**





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